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## BIRTH OF MADNESS

Before Alice, before the madness, there was a peaceful realm of dreams called Wonderland.

This is the story of corruption, the birth of madness, and how the realm of dreams became the realm of nightmares.

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Many years ago...



In a realm, unlike any other...



There dwelled a land where peace ruled...



And dreams became reality



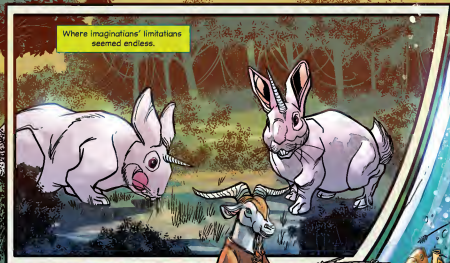




In a time when happiness,  
and joy were everywhere...



and laughter was as prominent  
as the wind it was carried on.



Where Imaginations' limitations  
seemed endless.



There was  
a story.

There is  
always a  
story...



This may be one you are familiar with.

I know I have heard it many times before, as the years flow by.

The story of love so pure, like that of water untouched from a stream.

But let's not get too far ahead here

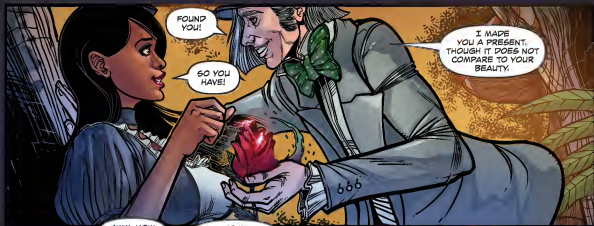
for we have only just begun.

of beauty,

and of course heartbreak and pain

And unlike the end, where there is but one, a beginning has many places to start.

So let's start at this beginning.







HA!  
CHEATER!

YOU KNOW  
I AM GOING TO CATCH  
YOU. JUST ACCEPT  
YOUR LOSS NOW.

VERY  
TRUE, IT IS NO PRIZE TO KISS  
YOU,  
GEOFFREY.

NOT  
WHAT YOU WERE  
SAYING LAST  
NIGHT, MS. DU  
LAC.



PROBABLY  
JUST TOO MUCH DREAM  
ROOT MEAD.

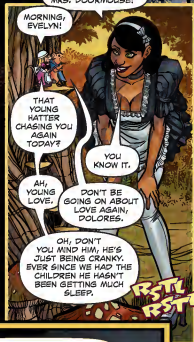


EXCUSE  
ME.

HEY,  
CAREFUL!

SHELL  
RIGHT, EXCUSE  
YOU!

SORRY!



MORNING, MR. AND  
MRS. DOORMOUSE!

MORNING,  
EVELYN!

THAT  
YOUNG HATTER  
CHASING YOU  
AGAIN  
TODAY?

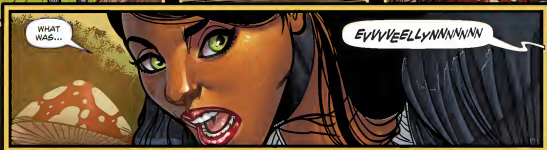
YOU  
KNOW IT.

AH,  
YOUNG  
LOVE.

DON'T BE  
GOING ON ABOUT  
LOVE AGAIN,  
DOLORES.

OH, DON'T  
YOU MIND HIM, HE'S  
JUST BEING CRANKY.  
EVER SINCE WE HAD THE  
CHILDREN HE HASN'T  
BEEN GETTING MUCH  
SLEEP.

RSTL  
RSTL

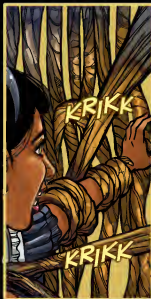


WHAT  
WAS...

EVVVVEELLYNNNNNN







This was another beginning.

WHAT IS  
THIS?



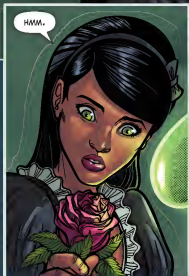




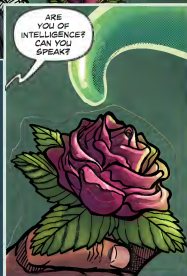


WHAT  
ARE  
YOU?

Do not blame  
poor Evelyn.



HMM.



ARE  
YOU OF  
INTELLIGENCE?  
CAN YOU  
SPEAK?



For she did  
not know what  
she had done.



This was the start...



ARE  
YOU?...ARE...  
YOU...

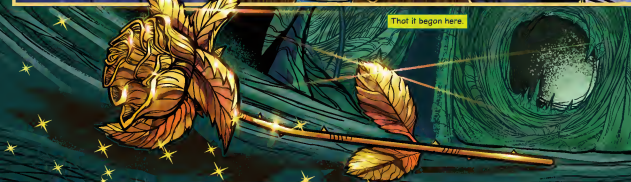
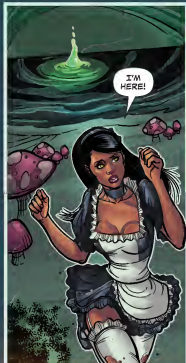


Of the end



EVELYN!







TO MY LOYAL  
SUBJECTS, TO ANOTHER  
WONDERFUL DAY IN  
OUR LAND.

AND TO THE  
UNIFIED KINGDOM OF  
SUITS!

MAY  
PEACE REIGN AND  
REMAIN!



AY! MAY  
PEACE...RRN AND RRN...  
AM I RIGHT?

R-RRIBBIT,  
MY GOOD  
CARPENTER!



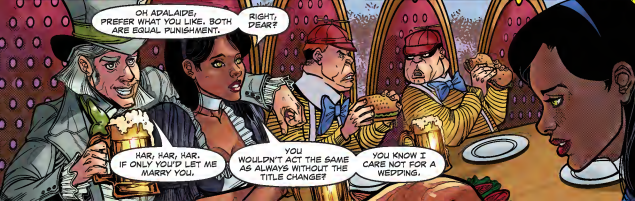
HAS THIS LAND EVER  
NOT HAD PEACE? SOME  
DAYS I FEEL I MAY DIE  
OF AN INSUFFERABLE  
BOREDOM.

CAREFUL, SISTER.  
YOU'LL ANGER THE GODS OF  
WONDERLAND, AND THEY WILL WAKE  
FROM THEIR FOREVER SLUMBER,  
AND GIVE YOU A HUSBAND.



HA! DO NEITHER  
OF YOU THINK OF ANYTHING  
DIFFERENT?

MAYBE  
I'D PREFER A  
WIFE.



OH ADALAIDE,  
PREFER WHAT YOU LIKE. BOTH  
ARE EQUAL PUNISHMENT.

RIGHT,  
DEAR?

HAR, HAR, HAR.  
IF ONLY YOU'D LET ME  
MARRY YOU.

YOU  
WOULDN'T ACT THE SAME  
AS ALWAYS WITHOUT THE  
TITLE CHANGE?

YOU KNOW I  
CARE NOT FOR A  
WEDDING.





ENOUGH OF  
THIS BORING, LOVEY  
TALK.

NOW  
TELL ME  
ABOUT THIS  
MYSTERIOUS  
CAVE YOU  
FOUND.



BORING?

BUT YES,  
THAT CAVE. THERE  
WAS SOMETHING  
THERE. SOMETHING I  
CAN'T EXPLAIN.

IT FELT ODD,  
ALMOST ROTTEN, BUT  
AT THE SAME TIME  
EUPHORIC.



I'M SURE IT WAS  
NOTHING. JUST ANOTHER  
CREEPY, DARK CAVE.

NO, THERE  
WAS SOMETHING  
THERE...CREEPING...  
TRYING TO

TO FRIENDS!



AND TO THE  
BEAUTIFUL REALM OF  
DREAMS WHERE A MAN'S  
BEST FRIEND CAN BE THIS  
DRUNK OF A FROG!



YEAH, WELL, I  
THINK I MAY HAVE TO  
CHECK THIS SPOOKY  
CAVE OUT FOR  
MYSELF.



ADALAIDE, PLEASE.  
I BEG YOU. DO NOT  
GO LOOKING FOR  
THAT CAVE.

WHAT I  
FELT  
THERE  
WAS NOT  
RIGHT.



FINE, OH DEAREST,  
OVERDRAMATIC  
EVELYN, I WILL DO  
AS YOU WISH.

I WON'T  
GO LOOKING  
FOR THAT PINKY  
OLD CAVE.

## THE NEXT DAY

And of course she did not stay away.

SORRY,  
EVIE.

There was something...

YOU'RE  
NOT THE ONLY ONE  
WHO FELT IT.

That called to her.

I JUST  
KNOW WHAT  
THIS IS...

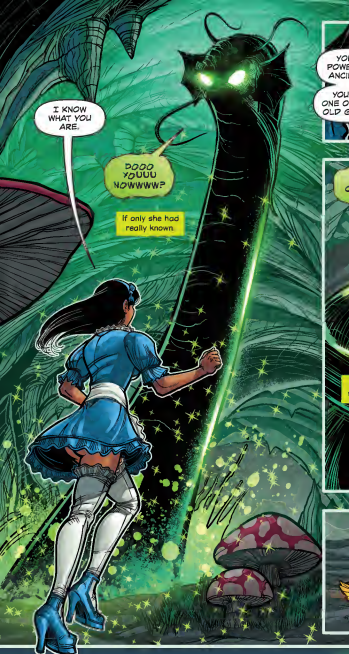
Something that crept  
its way into her mind...

THAT  
STRANGE FEELING  
YOU FELT...

And planted itself  
firmly, to be picked at.

IT'S  
POWER.

ADALAIDEEEEE



I KNOW  
WHAT YOU  
ARE.

DOOO  
YOUUU  
NOWWWWW?

If only she had  
really known.



YOUR  
POWER IS  
ANCIENT.

YOU'RE  
ONE OF THE  
OLD GODS.



AHHH, A  
CLEVVVRR  
GIRL.

AND  
BRAVVVVEE.

The truth of what  
she had sought out.



HAVVE  
YOUUU  
COME  
HERE FOR  
POWERRR?



The cost:

I...I CAME  
HERE FOR SOMETHING  
DIFFERENT.

SOMETHING...  
REAL...

REALLL?  
INTTERESSSTING.

DIFFERRENTTT  
LESSS AT YOUR  
FINGERTIPSSS.

And that there was.

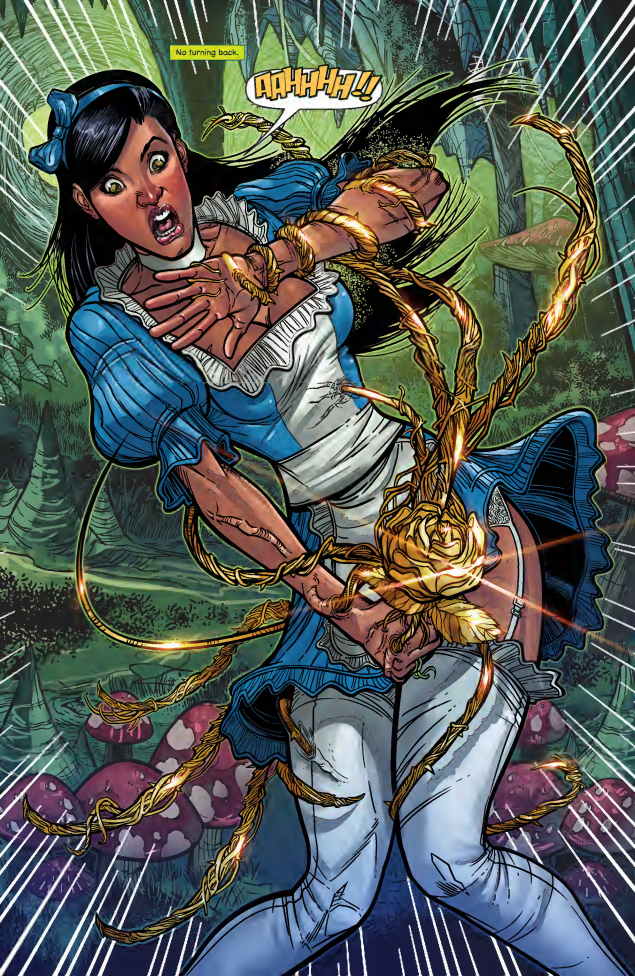
TAKKEE  
ITT.

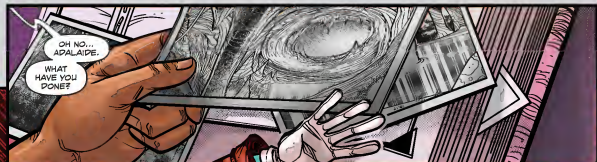
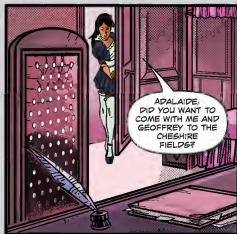




No turning back.

AAAAHHH!!











SO I TOLD HER  
JUST BECAUSE I WORK WITH  
WOOD, DOESN'T MEAN I  
WANT TO  
DATE A TREE  
WOMAN. YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
SHE  
SAID?

SHE  
SAID--

WHAT DID...  
BLOOD...SHE  
SAY?

WHAT THE  
F#%&@?

RAWRRR!!

BAD  
MOVE THERE,  
MY FURRY AND  
FEATHERED  
FRIEND.

YOU  
RUINED MY  
STORY...

YAHH!



I'M SURE  
YOU HAVE  
PLENTY OF  
QUESTIONS.

WHAT HAVE  
YOU DONE WITH  
ADALAIDE?



SO GLAD  
YOU DECIDED TO  
COME.

WE  
HAVE  
MUCH TO  
DISCUSS.

HUSH,  
LITTLE  
GIRL.

I'M  
TRYING TO  
TELL  
YOU.

LONG AGO, BEFORE  
A TIME YOU COULD  
COMPREHEND



IN AN AGE  
OF CHAOS

MY FAMILY  
WAS AT WAR. A WAR THEY  
LOST.

AND IN THEIR LOSS, A  
NEVER-ENDING SLEEP  
THEY WOULD RECEIVE  
AS PUNISHMENT.



BUT IN ALL THE  
DARKNESS OF THAT  
WAR, THERE WAS  
LIGHT.

A CHILD.

ONE SPARED  
FOR A  
PURPOSE.



THIS CHILD  
WOULD BE  
LOOKED AFTER,  
AND CARED  
FOR.

HE WAS TO BE THE  
SALVATION OF A  
FALLEN PEOPLE.

HE JUST WASN'T  
THE SALVATION  
THEY HAD  
PLANNED FOR.

NATURE  
CANNOT BE  
CHANGED.

AND MADNESS  
CANNOT BE  
CONTAINED.



OH NO...







KRIK

KRIKK

KRIK

I HOPE  
YOU CAME PREPARED  
TO DIE TODAY, YOU  
FILTH!

YOUR  
HIGHNESS.

THAT  
SPEECH IS  
SO BENEATH  
YOU.

SHT

SHT

I WILL  
HAVE YOU PLAYED  
AND DISPLAYED  
FOR THIS  
TREACHERY!

NOW, NOW.  
THOSE NASTY THOUGHTS  
YOU HAVE ARE NOT  
BEFITTING A QUEEN OF  
WONDERLAND.

SZZZZ

LET  
ME HELP  
YOU.

AHHH!!

THE  
VOICES...

...MAKE  
THEM  
STOP.

MAKE...  
THEM...

**STOP!!**

**CRACK**

**CHOOM**

**SHHHHH**





YOU...  
YOU'RE AN OLD  
ONE.  
A  
MONSTER OF  
CHAOS...



MONSTER  
IS SUCH A  
HORRID  
TERM

STAY  
BACK.

I BRING  
FREEDOM. I AM  
A SAVIOR.

A  
GOD.

A LIGHT  
TO YOU WHO ARE  
BLINDED.



I SAID  
STAY BACK, YOU  
MONSTER!

YAH!

**CHOOM**  
**CHOOM**



I MUST  
WARN THEM  
ALL.

MADNESS  
IS COMING.





NO.  
I'M TOO LATE.

OH,  
ADALAIDE, WHAT HAVE  
YOU DONE?



THIS  
MUST BE  
ENDED. I WILL  
SAVE YOU, MY  
SISTER.



CARPENTER!  
YOU'RE STILL  
ALIVE!

BARELY...MY  
DEAR, AND AT A  
COST.

POOR FROG.  
YOU DESERVED  
BETTER.

WHERE IS  
ADALAIDE?

THR...  
THRONE  
ROOM.



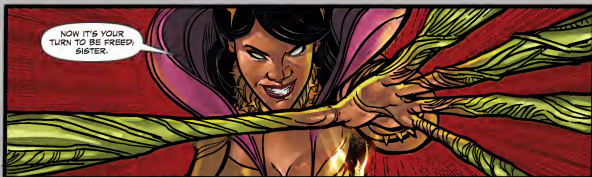
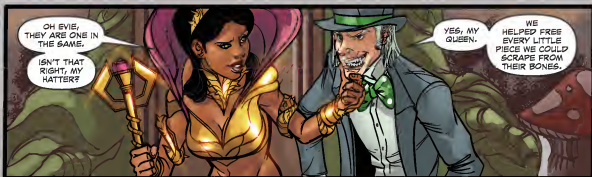
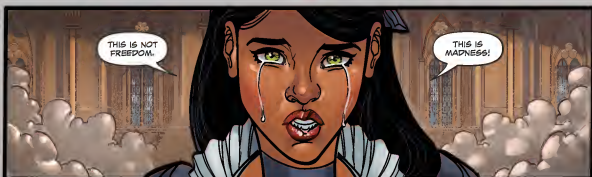
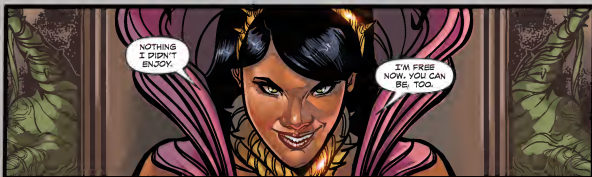
I MUST  
PROTECT HER, IF EVEN  
FROM HERSELF!

WAIT! YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND...



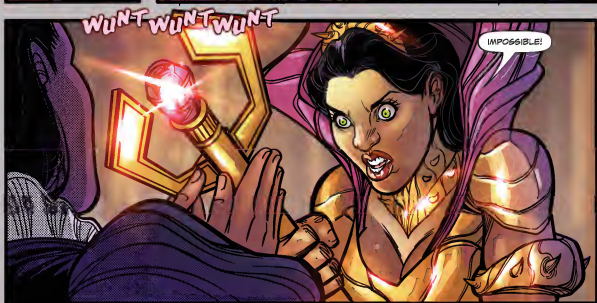
\*...SHE IS  
MADNESS.\*

HELLO,  
SISTER.











NO...NO...  
NO...

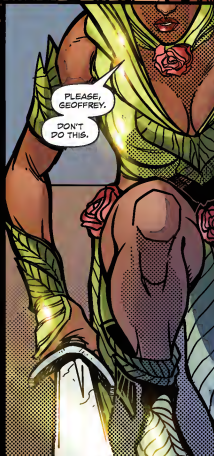
NO!

KILL  
HER!





WITH PLEASURE.



PLEASE, GEOFFREY.

DON'T DO THIS.



HAHAHA

WE WILL FIND A WAY TO FIX THIS.

WHO SAYS I WANT TO BE FIXED?



THIS IS THE GREATEST I'VE EVER FELT.

CLANG

THAT'S JUST THE MADNESS TALKING. LISTEN TO ME.



UGHN

THE MADNESS IS NOW ME!



OMPH!



PLEASE,  
GEOFFREY. I DON'T WANT  
TO HURT YOU.



I...  
CAN'T.



THEN  
DON'T.

I WILL  
ENJOY  
REMOVING YOUR  
SKIN EITHER  
WAY.

SUCH  
LOVELY  
SKIN.



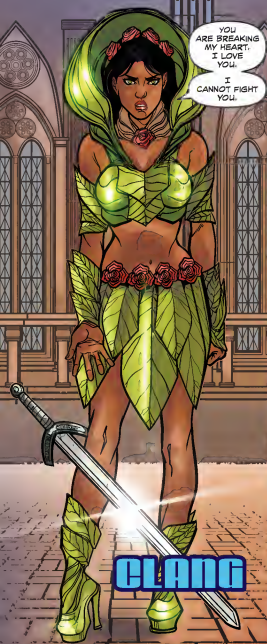
NO  
NEED TO  
HIDE...

HMM?

I'M NOT  
HIDING.

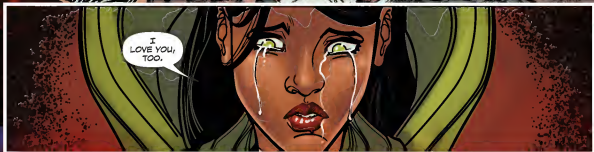


HEH,  
THAT A  
GIRL.











Every story  
is different.

Some tell of  
love and loss.



Some of death...



And birth.

While others...

...HAVE  
ONLY JUST  
STARTED.

THE BEGINNING  
**Wonderland**  
BIRTH OF MADNESS







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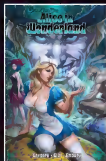
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